

Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin presented his proposed FY 2012 Budget to the Board of Supervisors during Tuesday's Board Meeting. The proposed FY 2012 Budget, the County Executive's presentation, and additional budget information are available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/. This is the proposed FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan, but the funding decisions and the tax rate are not final until the budget is adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 26.

The County Executive presented a mandated balanced budget with no expansion and spending increases which cover only critical requirements. His budget recommended no compensation increases for County staff, limited infrastructure investment, and a proposed Real Estate Tax rate was \$1.09 / \$100.00, which the Board of Supervisors adopted as the Advertised Real Estate Tax Rate.

The County Executive recommended that the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) transfer be \$1.61 billion, no change from the Adopted FY 2011 Budget. The transfer to FCPS represents 52.5% of the total County budget. Additionally, the County also provides additional support for the schools in the amount of \$58.9 million for programs such as Head Start, School Health Aides, School Resource Officers, School Crossing Guards, after-school programming, field maintenance and recreational programs, among others.

If you were unable to watch the budget presentation, it will be available as <u>video-on-demand</u> and air again on Channel 16 on Sunday, Feb. 27, at 9 p.m. and Friday, March 4, at 9 p.m. It also will air as part of the Board of Supervisors meeting replays on Friday, Feb. 25, beginning at 8 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m.

I will be holding two community meetings to hear from Hunter Mill residents and answer your questions regarding the County's FY 2012 Budget:

- Saturday, March 19th, 10 am - 12 pm, at the Vienna Community Center; and

- Saturday, March 26th, 10 am- 12 pm, at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.

Members of the Hunter Mill District Citizen Budget Committee will be present, and Fairfax County School Board Member Stuart Gibson will be available to discuss the FCPS FY 2012 Budget. In addition, the Department of Tax Administration will be available to assist residents that may also have Senior Tax Relief questions.

I look forward to reading your correspondence and hope to see you at one of the budget meetings. Your comments are always welcome at hntrmill@fairfaxcount.gov

Cathy Hudgins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Free Community Tax Assistance Day: Sunday, February 27, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Falls Church SkillSource Center. If your household income was \$49,000 or less in 2010, you qualify for free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program. Pre-registration is available, but not required – call 703-246-3466. This event can accommodate up to 250 individuals and families.

First Monday with Supervisor Hudgins: next date is Monday, March 7, 1 to 3 p.m. at Vienna's Patrick Henry Library. At this session, the focus is on bus, bike and walking options to the new Tysons Metro Stations.

Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Leadership Training Opportunity: How are transportation decisions made in the Washington region? TPB's Community Leadership Institute offers a series of two half-day workshops for community leaders and activists that will enhance participants' ability to get involved in transportation decision making. Sessions are planned for Thursday, March 31, and Saturday, April 2. More information is available on at http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/activities/cli/ or call 202-962-3317.

2-22-2011 BOARD ACTION HIGHLIGHTS

Below are excerpts from the **February 22, 2011 Board of Supervisors** meeting that may be of interest to you as a Hunter Mill District constituent. For additional details, please go to the County's <u>Board Agenda and Meeting Schedule</u> section on the County's webpage. Some County links may not be active until later in the week.

PRESENTATIONS

We recognized **Herndon High School** on the occasion of their 100th anniversary and many years of service to the community.

We also recognized **Reston Hospital Center** for its 25th anniversary.

APPOINTMENTS

The following Hunter Mill District residents were appointed to County boards, authorities, or commissions and committees;

Edward Robichaud: Airports Advisory Committee

Michael LeMay: reappointed to the Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code of Appeals.

Susan Kim Harris: reappointed as alternate to the Board of Building and Fire Prevention Code of Appeals

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Admin 1: Authorized to advertise a public hearing on March 29, 2011 at 3:00 p.m., for a Sewer Ordinance Amendment to revise the sewer service charges, connection charges and availability charges. Revised rates proposed to be consistent with the Board's decision on funding of the Extension and Improvement Program and the Wastewater Management Program's "Revenue Sufficiency and Rate Analysis" (the Rate Study) for the sewer system. Decision on the sewer rate revisions will coincide with the markup and adoption of the FY 2012 Advertised Budget Plan.

Admin 2: Authorized to advertise publication of the FY 2012 budget and required tax rates. The Board approved to advertise a \$1.09 tax rate.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **4:00** Public hearing on proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment on state code, editorial and minor revisions, required to correct inconsistencies and errors that resulted from Virginia General Assembly legislative actions.
- **4:00** Approved amendments to Fairfax County Code Section 82-5A Residential Permit Parking district related to high school, rail station and university criteria, allowing for the establishment of RPPD within 2,000 feet from pedestrian entrances or 1,000 feet from property boundaries of an existing or proposed high school, rail station or college/university campus.
- **4:30 Public hearing concerning the I-95 Waste-to-Energy Facility**. Decision deferred. Staff directed to develop a list of terms for a Service Agreement extension for

consideration, which if not accepted by Covanta, could result in the purchase of the facility.

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